October, 1988, publishing the Size and Nature of Tyres (Amendment) Rules, 1988, under sub-section (4) of Section 133 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6851/88].

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Transport Wing) Notification S.O. No. 984(E), dated the 26th October, 1988, publishing the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Amendment Rules, 1988, under section 8A of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6721/88].

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI (Uttar Pradesh): I present a petition signed by Shri J.P.S. Ahluwalia, resident of Hotel Kanishka, New Delhi, praying for a review of the entire concept and policy regarding medical reimbursement to the employees of the I.T.D.C. and other Public Sector Undertakings for treatment outside India.

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

I. The Sixth Schedule to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 1988

II. The National Highways Authority of India Bill, 1988

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha.—

I

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 1988, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th November, 1988."

II

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the National Highways Authority of India Bill, 1988, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 29th November, 1988."

Madam, I lay a copy of each of the Bills on the Table.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): I move the following Motion:—

"That in pursuance of clause (d) of sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act, 1985 (2 of 1986), read with rule 3 of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Rules, 1986, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): I move the following Motion:—

"That this House concurs in the

recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do agree to nominate one member from Rajya Sabha to associate with the Committee on Public Accounts of the Lok Sabha for the unexpired portion of the term of the Committee *vice* Shri Kalpnath Rai who ceased to be a member of the Committee on his appointment as a Minister of State, and do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one member from among the members of the House to serve on the said Committee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON CENTRE-STATE RELATIONS—Contd.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now the Minister of Home Affairs is here; we will have the reply and then go for the special mentions.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Hon. Deputy Chairman, I must express my sincere thanks to the hon. Members who have participated in this very important debate. The subject matter is of great importance from the national point of view and the hon. Members have given their valuable suggestions, apart from some of the political comments mainly persuaded by their compulsions of body politic. By and large, the debate has been in keeping with the importance of the subject. As I said in the beginning of this debate, in my opening remarks. Government has an open mind on the recommendations of the Commission and would examine them impartially taking into consideration all the view points that are expresed by hon. Members of Parliament, State Governments and other important persons in all walks of life including the various political parties. As I said in my observations the attitude of the Government towards the recommendations of the Commission is one of open-mindedness and also trying to see the viewpoints of all the political parties. I must say that the Commission has done a yeoman service to the country.

It is not a Commission in the narrow sense of the term. They have tried to include in their study the viewpoints of all the political organisations, intellectuals, academicians. professionals, Governments and all those who were willing to offer their valuable suggestions to the Commission. They had a very extensive and indepth study of this vital issue affecting the life of the nation. I myself appeared before the Commission. Most of the stalwarts of different political parties appeared before the Commission. The Commission while interviewing the various personalities and various representatives was very accommodative. The Commission comprised of eminent jurists and other high personages who gave opportunity to everyone whosoever wanted to appear before the Commission. The members of the Commission made suggestions on which the persons who appeared before the Commission could think in depth and respond to the queries made by the Commission.

The Commission also circulated a questionnaire, a very comprehensive questionnaire, all over the country to all concerned and got their replies in writing. The Commission also solicited the opinion of the various State Governments, whether the Governments were ruled by the same party which was ruling at the Centre or by other political parties. The Commission had the considered opinion of all the political shades in our country. Not only that. After the receipt of the recommendations of the Commission, we also have refered the document, the report of the Commission, to the relevant parties and